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SIGN: SUN-RISE JAPAN
THIS IS A WORK OF FICTION
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DIRECTOR! DIRECTOR!!
DIRECTOR TOMINO!!!
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HE HAS ARRIVED! HE HAS ARRIVED, RIGHT NOW!
WHA...?
SUNRISE PROGRAM DIRECTOR
KUSAKARI MOMOE

WOULD YOU SHUT UP... WHO HAS COME? ISHINO MAKO?
WHY WOULD SHE COME!?
IT'S GUNDAM'S SPONSOR!
PRESIDENT OF TOY MAKER
KUROBA SHICHIROU
OH MAN, THAT OLD GEEZER, HUH? WHAT A PAIN...
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I'VE TAKEN A LOOK AT GUNDAM AND WHITE BASE'S DESIGNS...
THEY'RE GOOD, I LIKE THEM...
THANKS...
THERE IS ONE THING I DON'T LIKE THOUGH...
YOU DON'T LIKE...?
THE MAIN MECHA IS COMPLETELY WHITE...
CAN'T YOU MAKE IT MORE FLASHY AND COLORFUL?
AH, THAT. THEN LET ME ASK YOU A QUESTION ...
PRESIDENT, WHERE IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU FIND A COLORFUL WEAPON?

FIGHTER JETS, AIRCRAFT CARRIERS, ALL MODERN WEAPONS...
THEY ALL FEATURE A SIMPLE COLOR SCHEME...
GUNDAM IS A DRAMA TAKING PLACE ON THE BATTLEFIELD.
TO GIVE IT REALISM A WHITE ROBOT IS NEEDED!
AREN'T YOU MISUNDERSTANDING SOMETHING, HUH?

MISUNDER-STANDING SOMETHING?
WHO SAID YOU ARE TO DESIGN A WEAPON?
I SAID YOU ARE TO CREATE AN ANIME FOR SELLING TOYS TO CHILDREN...
YOU SURE DON'T UNDERSTAND ...
WAR? A DRAMA?
IF IT CAN'T PEDDLE MERCHANDISE THIS ANIME AIN'T WORTH SHIT!
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YOU'RE THE ONE WHO DOESN'T UNDERSTAND!

NOWADAYS EVEN DRAMA CAN BE INTERESTING!
BUT THE KIDS DON'T EVEN GET TO SEE IT!
ISN'T IT YOUR JOB TO LET THEM!?
WHAT DID YOU SAY, YOU BASTARD?!
THEY SURE ARE ARGUING...
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EXCUSE ME!
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LIKE THIS IT'S FINE RIGHT, PRESIDENT?

WOW!!! IT'S STILL MOSTLY WHITE BUT IT HAS RED, BLUE AND YELLOW, THE COLORS KIDS LOVE!
THIS IS GOOD! THIS'LL SELL! GAHAHAHAHAH!!!
PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER, TOMINO-KUN!
"AN ANIME THAT WILL BE 10 YEARS AHEAD OF IT'S TIME"!?
THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS TO FIRST CREATE IT!
DRAMA? ART? EVEN IF YOU SAY THAT, IF YOU GET SIDE TRACKED ALONG THE WAY, NOTHING WILL COME OF IT!

THE TWO OF THEM WERE ONCE PART OF A PRODUCTION OFFICE CALLED MUSHI PRO. DUE TO FINANCIAL PROBLEMS THE COMPANY FILED FOR BANKRUPTCY.
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YASUHIKO YOSHIKAZU'S WORDS CAME FROM SOMEONE WHO HAD EXPERIENCED THIS BEFORE. THAT IS WHY HE WAS ABLE TO SAY IT.
HMPH! FINE...
BY THE WAY, PRESIDENT. ABOUT THE ENEMY MECHA'S DESIGN...
HM?
AH YOU MEAN THE GRUNT MECH? THAT WON'T BE ABLE TO SELL ANYWAY...
DO AS YOU PLEASE!

HMPH!
OH I'LL DO JUST THAT!
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HEH, I STARTED YELLING AT MY AGE...
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF YOUR HEALTH, SIR.
TOMINO YOSHIYUKI... AN INTERESTING FELLOW...
THE TRUTH IS... YOU SHOULD REALLY LET GUYS LIKE THIS DO AS THEY PLEASE...
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DO IT THE WAY YOU WANT! I WILL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY!
THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO SAY...
NO, THAT'S WHAT I SHOULD HAVE SAID!
BUT REALITY IS DIFFERENT...
IF IT CAN'T SELL TOYS WE CAN'T GIVE THEM FUNDING...
TO MAKE IT SELL WE HAVE TO MAKE CERTAIN REQUESTS...
IT IS A COLD AGE WE LIVE IN, ISN'T IT...

PRESIDENT...
THEY WILL UNDERSTAND ONE DAY...
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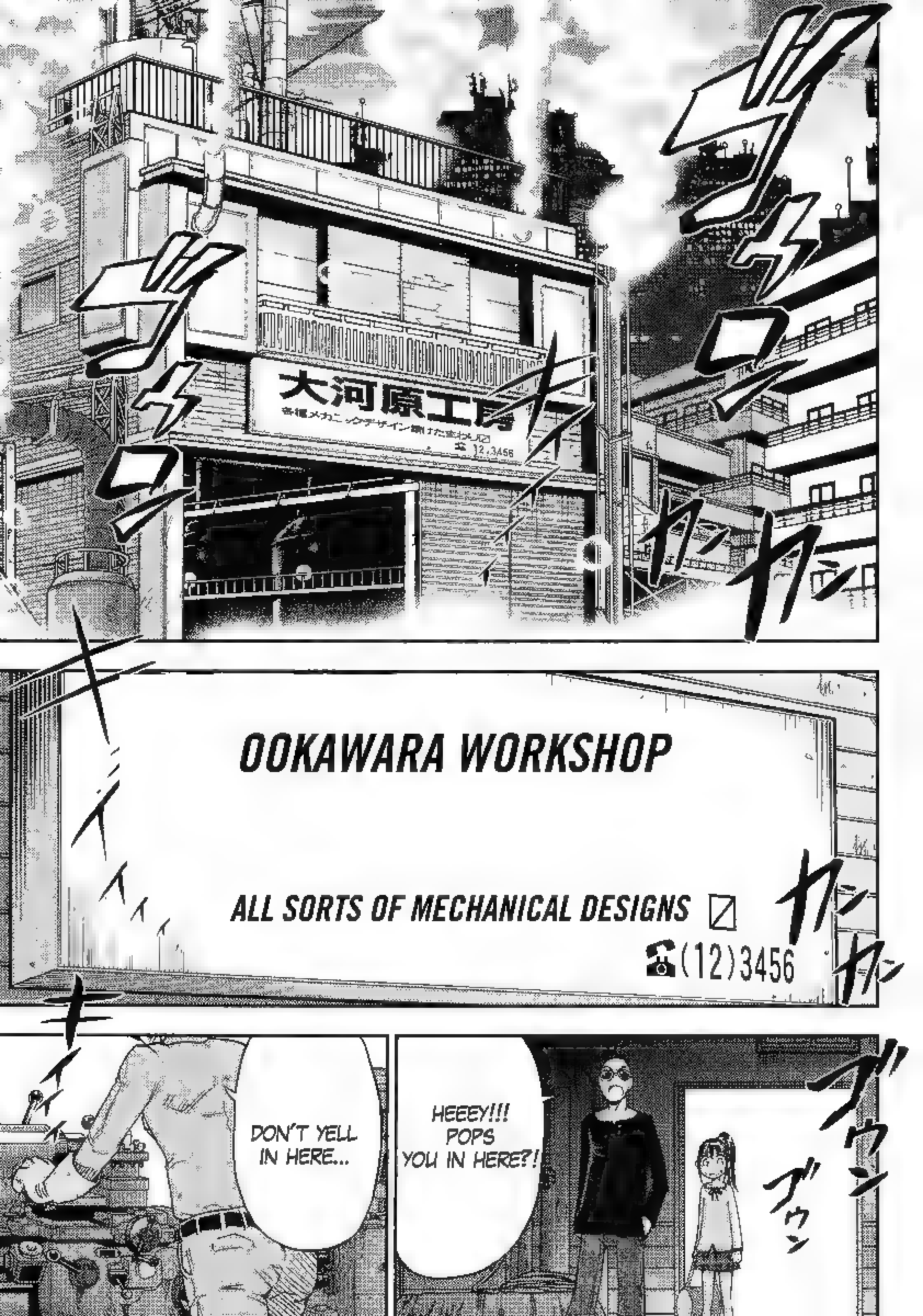
HMPH, I HOPE SO...
I'LL REMEMBER THIS, YOU MORON!
THEY CAN'T HEAR YOU ANYMORE SO PLEASE STOP THIS...
HEH, LET'S GO!
EH, GO? WHERE TO?
POPS' PLACE!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OOKAWARA WORKSHOP
ALL SORTS OF MECHANICAL DESIGNS
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HEEEY!!! POPS YOU IN HERE?!
DON'T YELL IN HERE...

MY WORK WILL GO BAD!
MECHA DESIGNER
OOKAWARA KUNIO
COULD YOU MAKE A MECHA DESIGN?
AN ENEMY MECH!
LET'S SEE...
WHAT KIND OF REQUEST IS THE DIRECTOR MAKING?

EH, THIS IS...?
DIRECTOR TOMINO SAID HE WOULD MAKE AN ANIME 10 YEARS AHEAD OF ITS TIME, BUT THIS OLD DESIGN IS...
HMMM...
THIS'LL TAKE TIME...
IT'LL BE DONE IN THREE DAYS...
COUNTING ON YOU...
JUST ONE THING, DIRECTOR...

IS IT REALLY OK TO MAKE IT ACCORDING TO THIS ORDER FORM?
EH? WHAT ARE YOU SUGGESTING THIS LATE...?
OF COURSE! BECAUSE, THE SPONSOR GEEZER...
GAVE US PERMISSION TO "DO AS WE PLEASE"...
"DO AS WE PLEASE", HUH? YOU SURE BRING GOOD NEWS...
HMM? WHATEVER COULD YOU BE TALKING ABOUT?
HAHAHA, YOU SURE ARE SLY, YOU RASCAL...

HEH...
FUHAHAHA AAHHAHAHAHA!!!
HAHAHAHA!!!
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THREE DAYS LATER
A PACKAGE FROM OOKAWARA WORKSHOP HAS ARRIVED!
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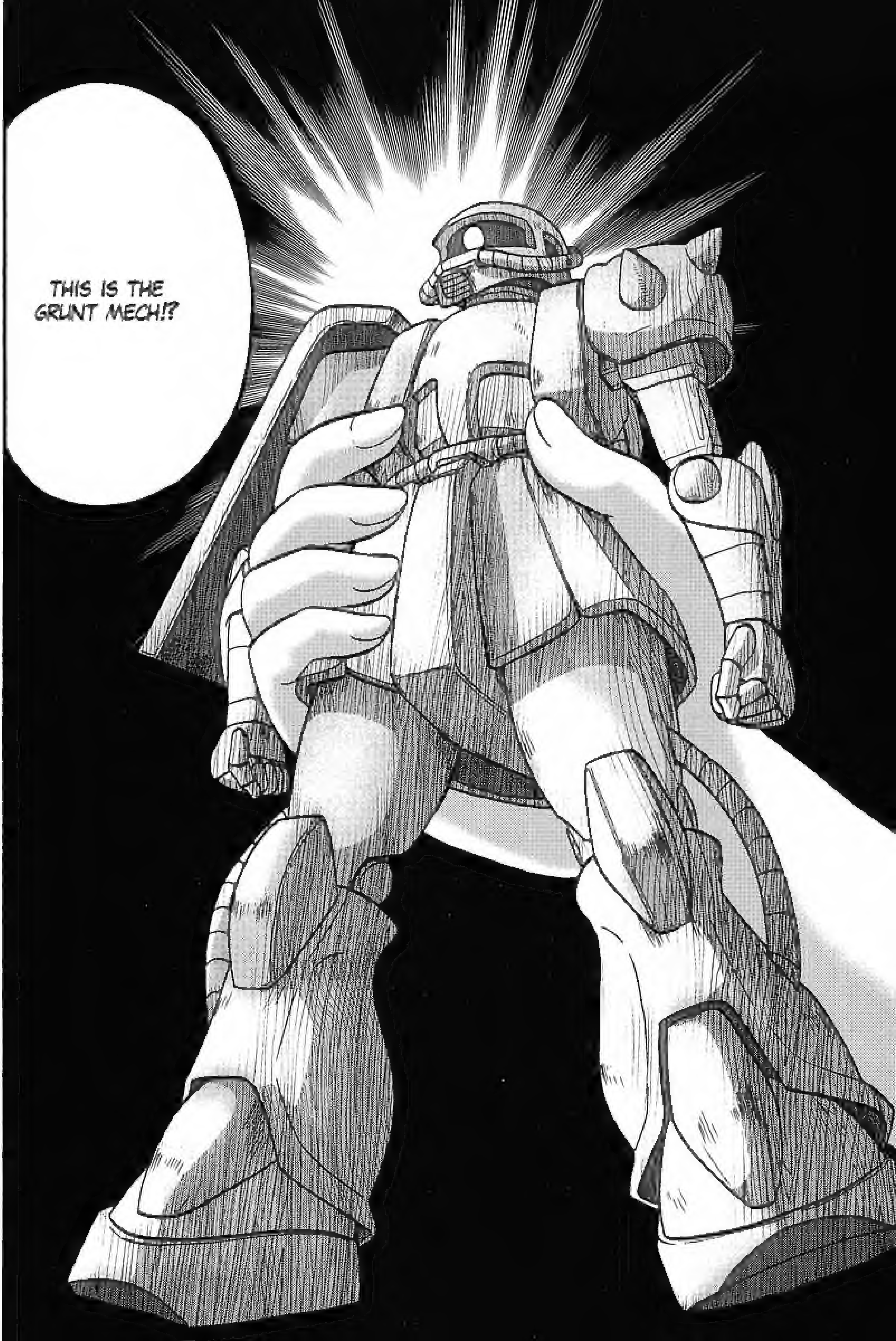
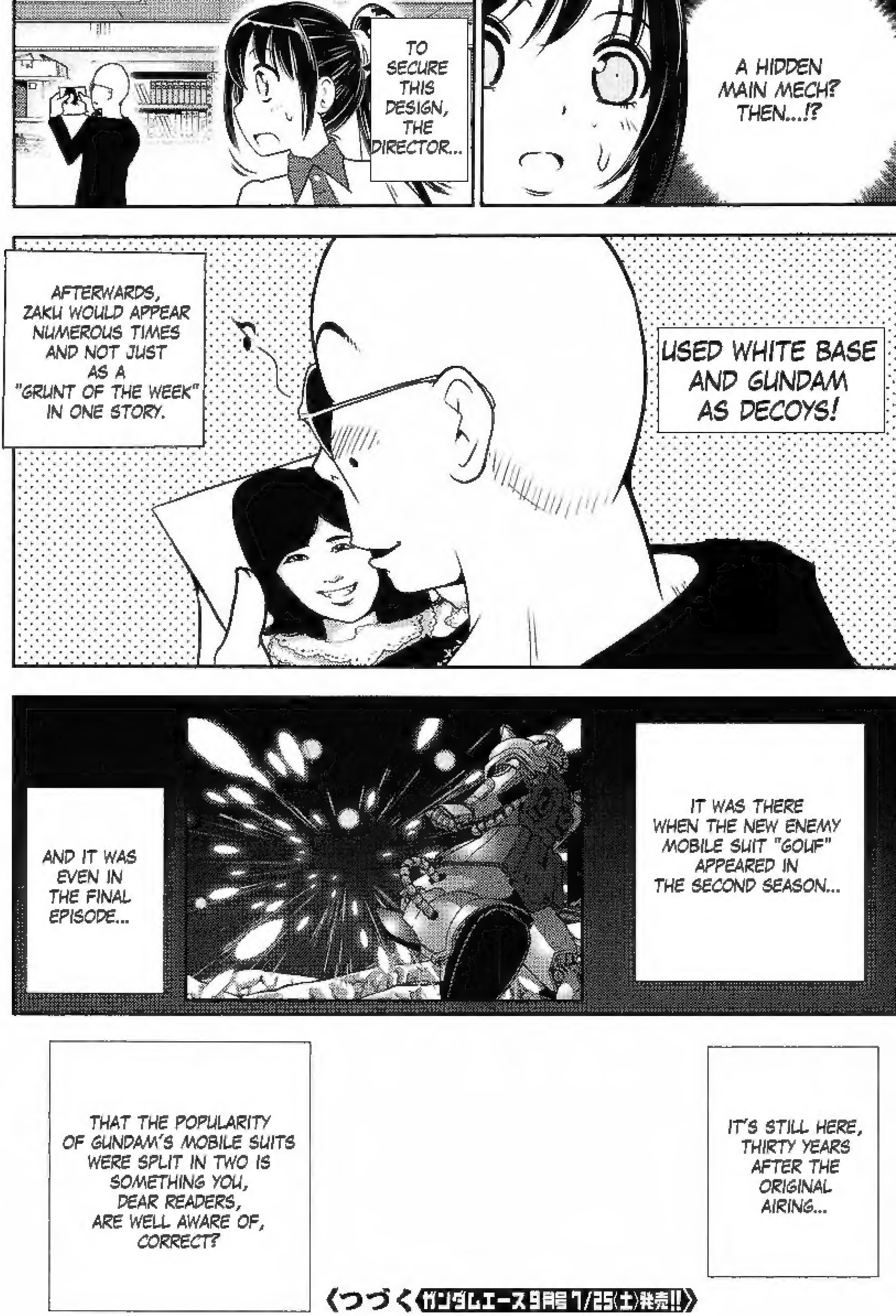
IT SURE IS A BIG BOX FOR JUST SOME DESIGN DRAWINGS...
大河原工房
AH!? TH-THIS IS...!?


THIS IS THE GRUNT MECH!?

決定稿
AMAZING! NOT JUST DESIGN DRAWINGS BUT A WOODEN MODEL TOO!
AND ABOVE ALL ELSE...
IT'S SO COOL!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT WAS MADE FROM THAT ORDER FORM!
DON'T YOU GET IT? ON THE ORDER FORM THE MECHA'S USAGE WAS WRITTEN, RIGHT?
THAT'S ALL THE INFORMATION THAT WAS NEEDED...
TH-THEN...
NO MATTER WHAT WAS DRAWN, IN THE END...
IT ALL COMES DOWN TO TRUSTING WHAT THE DESIGNER, OOKAWARA THINKS FITS...
HEH, THE PRESIDENT WOULD NEVER THINK THAT THIS GUY IS A MAIN MECH HIDDEN IN THE BACKGROUND...


A HIDDEN MAIN MECH? THEN...!?
TO SECURE THIS DESIGN, THE DIRECTOR...
USED WHITE BASE AND GUNDAM AS DECOYS!
AFTERWARDS, ZAKU WOULD APPEAR NUMEROUS TIMES AND NOT JUST AS A "GRUNT OF THE WEEK" IN ONE STORY.
IT WAS THERE WHEN THE NEW ENEMY MOBILE SUIT "GOUF" APPEARED IN THE SECOND SEASON...
AND IT WAS EVEN IN THE FINAL EPISODE...
IT'S STILL HERE, THIRTY YEARS AFTER THE ORIGINAL AIRING...
THAT THE POPULARITY OF GUNDAM'S MOBILE SUITS WERE SPLIT IN TWO IS SOMETHING YOU, DEAR READERS, ARE WELL AWARE OF, CORRECT?
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